

# TECHY TEACHING



**William Hsu**, associate professor of computing and information science, checks Facebook in his office in Nichols Hall Monday afternoon. Hsu has 844 friends and uses Facebook to post group photos from his classes, relay tweets from his Twitter account on new technical articles, celebrate lab anniversaries and collaborate with faculty from other universities. *Lisle Alderton | Collegian*

## Professors use Facebook to promote discussion, interaction

**Pauline Kennedy**  
campus editor

Pen and paper used to be the go-to supplies for any classroom. Now, it is never uncommon to need a computer for schoolwork, be it to check e-mail from a teacher, to post notes or to take an online quiz. With the rise in popularity of social networking sites, professors are beginning to see them as yet another tool to connect with students

in the classroom. "I felt it was important to bring more closeness into the classroom," said Thelma del Castillo, graduate student in language acquisition. Castillo, who started teaching Spanish at K-State two and a half years ago, used Facebook to give students the opportunity to use Spanish without the worry of constantly being graded on language errors. Castillo had students join a Face-

book page, asking them to post interests and talk with other students using Spanish. "I had fun using it," she said. Castillo said not only was it useful for her classroom, but it allowed students to connect with each other and stay connected even after the semester was over. Another professor who has found Facebook as an important tool to use in the classroom is Mick Charney, associate professor of ar-

chitecture. Charney has used Facebook for about a year as a way for students to work with other classmates and interact outside of the classroom. "I really enjoyed it as a project," Charney said. Charney said when he first got on Facebook, he realized what a wonderful medium it could be for the exchange of information. He said he wanted to use it not just as a social networking site, but a way to

pursue one common scholarly goal. For his classes, Charney had his architecture students create a Facebook page specifically for his class. The students took on the persona of an acquaintance of Frank Lloyd Wright, a well-known architect. They used Facebook to connect with each other, trying to gather information about Wright's life through

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## All Faith's Chapel recital series brings new sound to campus

**Music professor to give monthly organ recitals**

**Pauline Kennedy**  
campus editor

Unless students find themselves in All Faith's Chapel quite often, they may not know that it houses the largest pipe organ in Manhattan. Now, students will have the opportunity to hear the sounds of the 2,458 piped instrument, when it is featured in the new series, 'Organ Music for a Wednesday Morning.' David Pickering, assistant professor in music and the new organ instructor for the music department, started the organ series in hopes of highlighting an instrument that does not always get a great deal of attention. Pickering is a new professor at K-State, taking the place of K-State organist and professor Mary Ellen Sutton, who retired at the end of last school year. The series will feature Pickering and organ students in a 30-minute recital once a month. "It's a nice break," said Pickering, referring to the monthly recital. "It's an opportunity to relax and enjoy the music." Pickering said the organ being used in the recital, which was given to K-State in 1961 by



The pipe organ housed in All Faith's Chapel consists of 2,458 pipes. The organ is the largest of its kind in Manhattan. *Erin Poppe | Collegian*

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## Campus group tries to reduce K-State's environmental impact

**Student organization calls for future without plastic bags**

**Austin Enns**  
staff writer

Students for Environmental Action are starting a campaign to help decrease the use of plastic bags on campus. The goal in mind is a future without plastic bags, but the start of this movement at K-State is a bit more pragmatic. Starting with projects that publicize the damage plastic bags can do, SEA is gradually trying to change K-State's environmental impact. SEA's campaign kicked off Sunday when they sponsored the showing of "Bag It!," a movie about the harmful effects plastic bags have on the environment, for the Movies on the Grass series. Zack Pistora, president of SEA and fifth-year senior in political science, said this effort to raise awareness helped SEA obtain over 200 signatures on a petition to "ban the bag." Pistora said this change is going to have to be enacted over a long period of time, but it will have to start with the students learning about how plastic bags affect their environment. "I see a lot of things happening if we create the cul-

ture. K-State could send a powerful message," Pistora said. "This isn't a wild idea. They have already gone to biodegradable containers in the Union." As much as SEA wants to transform the environmental mindset that most students have at K-State, Pistora also said SEA has other ideas that are focused on changing the present. Plans to decrease the use of plastic bags on campus range from passing a resolution in the Student Senate, to persuading Varney's Bookstore to either start charging for bags or only making them available on request. Ben Champion, director of sustainability, said that he was intrigued by SEA's idea to help reduce the plastic in our environment. "Banning plastic bags outright is an extreme approach, but we need to take the issues with plastic very seriously." Ben Champion, Director of Sustainability, said that he was intrigued by SEA's idea to help reduce the plastic in our environment. "Banning plastic bags outright is an extreme approach, but we need to take the issues with plastic very seriously. I'm very supportive of their effort to decrease the use of plastics on campus," Champion said. Champion said if the use of plastic bags can be substantially decreased on campus, the rest of the

demand for bags could be met with biodegradable and reusable bags. Not everybody is in favor of making a change at K-State. Helping the environment would trade off with convenience, and Champion said replacing plastic bags could be expensive, especially if a bag tax was implemented. R o s s T o w n s e n d , freshman in agricultural technology management, said he prefers the current system to any plan that makes plastic bags harder to use. "It's more of a hassle for everybody else, and it's a hassle for Varney's, and it's a hassle for the customers," Townsend said. Pistora said this plan would be hard to sell on a campus that is more conservative, but SEA is not trying to make the change all at once. SEA is having their first official meeting tonight at 7 in the Union in order to plan the next move in their campaign. "We can't completely ban the bag, but it's a challenge to try to reduce as much as we can until one day we can ban the bag," Pistora said.



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# Army leader addresses Fort Riley schools’ overpopulation issue

**Under secretary of the Army tours school, talks with students**

**Joshua Madden**  
staff writer

The U.S. Army’s second-highest civilian leader visited Fort Riley on Monday. Joseph W. Westphal, under secretary of the Army, made the trip to Kansas to discuss new efforts to improve the infrastructural problems that schools on military bases are facing.

Westphal began his opening remarks by asking, “How do we address the issue of building or rebuilding schools?”

His remarks came after touring an elementary school on base, which he described as a “1950s-1960s type school,” or the type of school he went to when he was younger.

While touring, Westphal met with a class of fifth graders and said they had some of the best insights of the day. Some of the students suggested increasing the amount of storage available, decreasing the number of kids per class, increasing the actual size of the classrooms and, perhaps most importantly, making pizza more available.

In his speech Monday, Westphal discussed the quality of the infrastructure, saying there needs to be private rooms and offices available in military schools to counsel their students. He said that students in on-base schools cope with different challenges than students in traditional schools do. However, he said he would also like to see more books in the library and some updates to the technology on the property.

“I’m glad that he came to try to help improve the schools, and hopefully he can help improve



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Joseph Westphal, under secretary of the Army, addressed educational issues Monday.

the size of the schools because they are overpopulated,” said Brian Hopkins, specialist and

military police officer. “My oldest daughter will be in school next year, and I hope for her and the other children’s sake that they will have it figured out soon so they won’t have to go to school off post.”

In contrast to Hopkins’ hope to improve the size of the schools, Westphal said he wanted to clarify the misconception people have that the Army operates the schools. In reality, the Army owns the property and leases it to the school district, which is independent from the Army.

Because the schools are not part of the Department of the Army, this presents some problems when attempting to allocate resources. This can put the school district in an awkward position as most of their students deal with military-related issues, while, at the same time, the school itself is not operated by the military. Many students

move around more frequently than civilian students because of their parents’ ties to the military, which can present issues in long-range planning.

Westphal said he is currently working with Congress to try to address some of these issues and has been working on many of these issues with Rep. Norm Dicks, D-Wash., who chairs the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense. Westphal said Fort Riley and Fort Lewis in Washington particularly need attention.

Westphal said Fort Riley faces several issues that other bases are not necessarily facing. With a large number of troops coming home from deployments, Fort Riley could be facing overcrowding issues, particularly in the schools, which are already dealing with an overpopulation problem.

He said he wanted to emphasize that the Secretary of

Defense has made a commitment to addressing these issues and that he looks forward to the progress that could be made. This was Westphal’s first visit to Fort Riley, and he said he would like to see more of the base in the future.

“A visit by the Under Secretary of the Army demonstrates the commitment the Department of Defense is showing to Fort Riley, its family and students,” said Paul Fisher, who works for Fort Riley’s Public Affairs office. “We are confident a solution to our overcrowding problem will materialize.”

Westphal earned his bachelor’s degree from Adelphi University, his master’s degree from Oklahoma State University and his a Ph.D. in political science from the University of Missouri-Columbia. In addition to his military career, he has held several positions with Congress and the executive branch.

## Neodesha takes action for future

K-State Research and Extension

Sometimes it takes a spark to get something started, such as a campfire. Today we’ll learn about a southeast Kansas town which used a Community Development Academy as a spark to start some exciting community initiatives. It’s today’s Kansas Profile.

J. D. Cox is city administrator for the city of Neodesha, Kan. The city participated in a recent Community Development Academy which helped launch a new community improvement process.

J. D. and his wife come from rural Kansas roots. She is a Neodesha native. J. D. attended Independence schools, but he’s from the nearby community of Elk City, population 301. Now, that’s rural.

J. D. had a career in the information technology business which took him to such places as Chicago, Dallas and Boston. But when he and his wife wanted to start a family, they felt a desire to raise their children in a smaller, Midwest community. In 1993, they moved to Neodesha, Kan. where J.D. took a position with a local manufacturing company.

J.D. also got involved with the local chamber and the county leadership program. Eventually some people asked if he would run for the city commission, but he said no. After more encouragement, though, he agreed to run and was not only elected, he became mayor and was re-elected twice.

In late 2004, the city administrator stepped down. The other commission members asked and encouraged J.D. to take the position, which he eventually did, and he said he loves it.

In late 2009, J. D. saw a notice about a Community Development Academy that was being held for teams of community volunteers in southeast Kansas communities. The academy was being conducted by a consortium of groups, led by K-State’s

**“We had really good folks involved with a can-do attitude.”**

**J.D. Cox**  
Neodesha City Administrator

Center for Engagement and Community Development, K-State Research and Extension, the Federal Home Loan Bank and others, with grant support from USDA Rural Development.

J. D. said he liked the fact that the academy was intended to bring together representatives from different areas of the community, so he encouraged Neodesha to put together a team which participated in the 2010 academy. The team consisted of the executive director of the chamber of commerce, a hospital representative, an involved citizen, a banker and J.D.

“We had really good folks

involved with a can-do attitude,” J.D. said. “The content of the academy was really good. It wasn’t just one-way delivery, it was a dialogue.”

The dialogue involved some homework, including an assessment of their community by the team.

“It was a great process to go through. We did it rapidly, but as comprehensively as possible. And once the class was over, it provided a framework for us to work on,” J.D. said.

That is exactly what the team from Neodesha did. When they got back home, they engaged a number of additional citizens and started thinking about goals and action plans for the community. Those goals focus on planning and development strategies, community promotion, leadership and community involvement, and hazard mitigation and disaster planning. The team will be going to the city commission to seek its support for this community engagement process, which would include town hall meetings and more citizen input, leading to a strategic plan and action steps.

“We’re excited. We want to reach as much of the community as possible in small group settings, including schools, civic organizations, and business and industry. Our overall goal is to engage the community and encourage participation in setting goals and specific actions for our community’s future,” J.D. said. “The Community Development Academy was the spark that got us going.”



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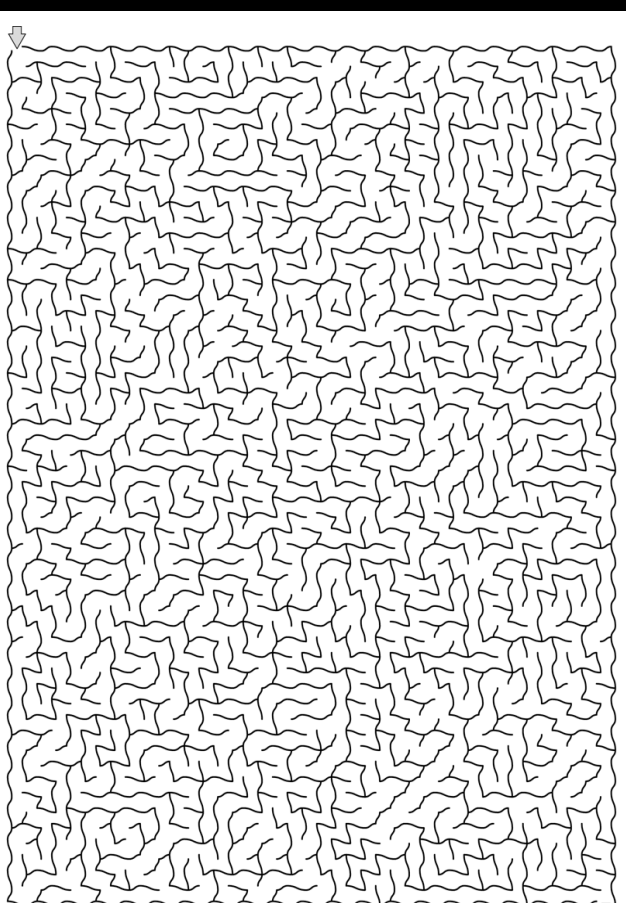


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How do you feel about professors using Facebook for class work?

"I think professors should use the social networking sites common to our generation, Facebook being one of them."




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SOPHOMORE, AGRONOMY

"KSOL is a better way to get out the information because it maintains a more direct, professional student/teacher relationship."



**Patrick Broyles**  
SOPHOMORE, ARCHITECTURE

"I believe it's fine as long as they're not crossing the line between students and teacher."



**Caitlyn Wells**  
FRESHMAN, LIFE SCIENCES

"It's pretty awesome. If they do it right, they can really make it work."




**Sara Hartman**  
SOPHOMORE, ARCHITECTURE

"That could work."




**David McGuire**  
SENIOR, HOTEL AND RESTAURANT MANAGEMENT

"No. I feel it would just be distracting for me ... because it's giving me a reason to get on Facebook."



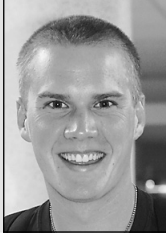
**Haley Brooks**  
FRESHMAN, BIOLOGY

"I think it's fine, but if they would just stick to KSOL it would work great."




**Adam Liebl**  
FRESHMAN, COMPUTER ENGINEERING

"Kinda creepy. It's too personal and it lets them into your personal life."



**Alex Simon**  
JUNIOR, SOCIOLOGY

"[It would] be helpful, because I wouldn't have to go through a bunch of stuff to find my classwork."



**Steven Howard**  
FRESHMAN, OPEN OPTION

# COUPON CRAZE

## Discounts not always worth it, income dependent



**Tim Schrag**

As the fall semester progresses, it seems only natural that the student body will be bombarded with all kinds of freebies, especially coupons. Like most students here at K-State, I thoroughly enjoy this time of year because it is one less lunch I have to pay for and, hey, who does not love a free pair of fake Ray-Bans?

Among the many freebies I latch onto as each semester starts are the many coupon books available in the K-State Student Union. Though I pick them up, I rarely ever use them. That got me thinking about a very philosophical question: "Which is the better deal, a mediocre pizza at a large discount from a coupon, or a higher quality pizza with no coupon?"

My take is you get what you pay for. I would rather pay a little more for a little better, in line with the expression "more bang for your buck." Then again, I have always had expensive tastes.

Daniel Kuester, director of undergraduate studies in the department of economics, said he sometimes uses coupons to try new restaurants or products that he was not aware of, but you will not see him clipping coupons every Sunday.

"It honestly depends on if I'm really bored that day," he said.

Quite a few people I know will take time out of their day to cut coupons out and use them, including my grandmother, mother and close friends. I know they probably save money.

In 2006, CMS, a promotions logistics service, announced that over \$331 billion dollars in potential discounts were distributed through coupons, with over \$2.6 billion redeemed.

Kuester said while coupons are not directly related to economics, they do affect brand awareness, which play into the principles of supply and demand.

Rather than focus on coupons, Kuester said he suggests looking at how price-sensitive individuals are, meaning how much disposable

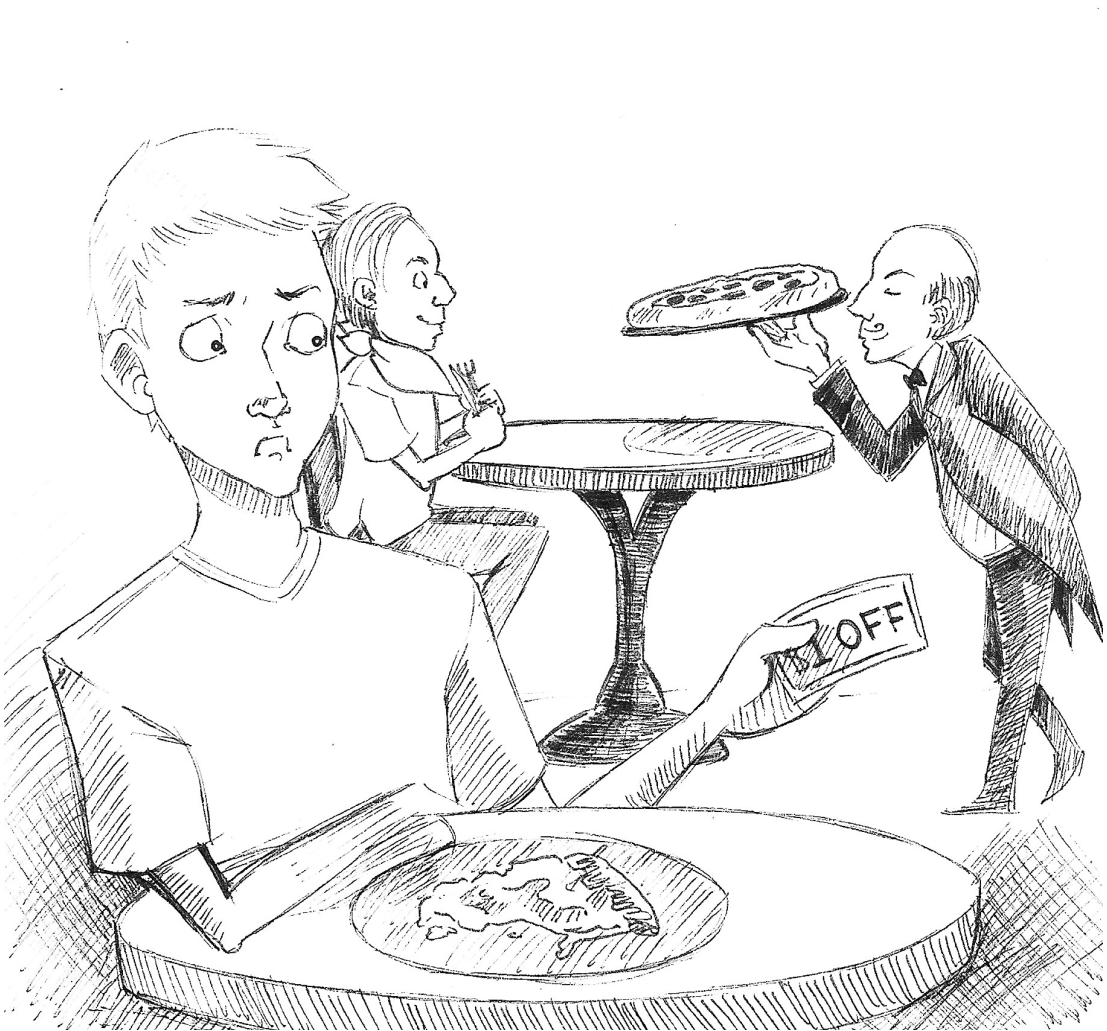


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income they have, as it might be a better marketing strategy. Kuester said these price-sensitive individuals will be more likely to seek out coupons and discounts.

"If I know something is of an inferior quality, the coupon is not going to make a difference for me, but students are price-sensitive," he said. "If we want to think about the whole concept of student discounts, that's a form of price discrimination, where you can give student discounts, military discounts, senior discounts to groups of people that tend to have what we call more elastic demand."

Elastic demand is a percentage change in the quantity demanded, or the amount of goods people are willing and able to buy divided by the percentage change in the price of the goods. Kuester said this works because these price-

sensitive people tend to use social networking or word of mouth to let other people know about opportunities such as discounts.

At the same time, there is a factor being overlooked: the individual. Everyone has a unique set of tastes, preferences and, of course, budgets. Some people are simply going to be willing to pay more for a good.

Do I flip through coupon books looking for good deals? No. Do I ask if different services offer student discounts? Yes. I do that because it never hurts to ask, and because I like to flash my student ID. This strategy has saved me money as far away as Washington, D.C., believe it or not.

"When we use a coupon, it's representing some level of savings or we wouldn't use it over our alternative that we would have purchased," Kuester said. "Then

the question simply becomes, is it worth the time and effort to pick up the coupon, find the coupon, search for the coupon and use the coupon as opposed to the value of time that I used doing all of this stuff?"

In essence, coupons are worth exactly what you want them to be. I personally would recommend being thrifty and using better judgment, and if something seems too good to be true, it probably is. I think if you want to take time out of your day to clip coupons, more power to you, but remember there is no such thing as a free lunch, especially if it is a mediocre pizza.

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## Sharpton should step out of spotlight, stop poking fun



**Joshua Madden**

I dislike Al Sharpton. I do not really like how he tries to make everything about himself, even when it's definitely not. Case in point: this weekend, his "Reclaim the Dream" rally. To counter Glenn Beck's "Restoring Honor" rally, which took place Saturday, Sharpton and Co. arranged their own rally to honor Martin Luther King, Jr. One of the defining lines from Sharpton's speech was: "Don't mistake progress for arrival."

Not a bad line. And it is a fair point. While Sharpton and I would probably disagree on steps we can take to improve race relations in this country — I would immediately get rid of affirmative action; Sharpton would certainly not — I think it is reasonable to make the argument that all people of all races need to make a conscious effort to create what President Obama described as "a more perfect union."

You might be asking, "Joshua, if you agree with Al Sharpton's main message, why do you dislike him?" I want

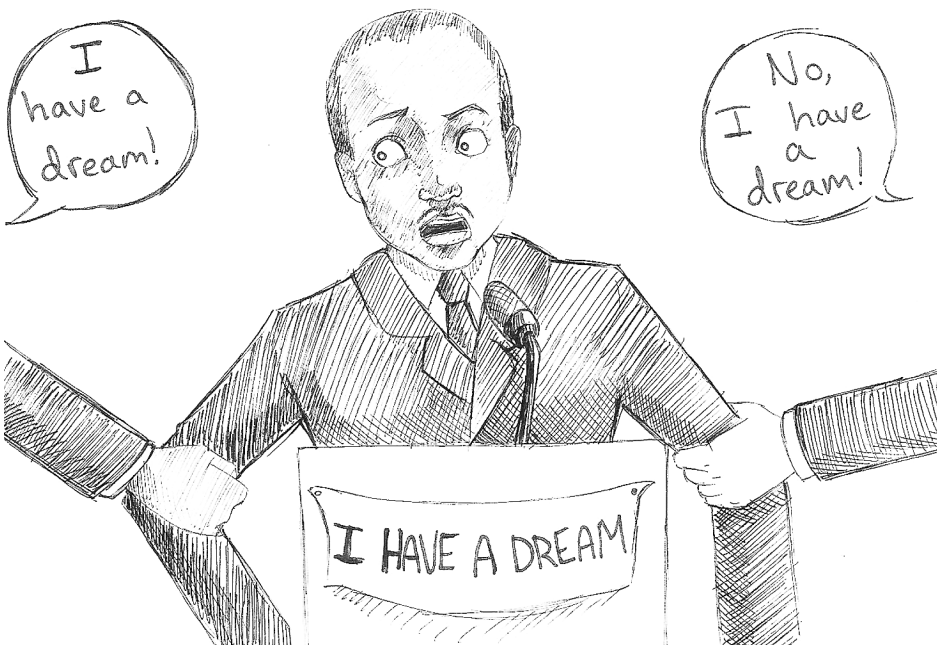


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to step back for a minute, talk about the coverage of the event, then get into a discussion about Sharpton himself.

Reading over several articles before writing this piece, one starts to notice that the narratives are all remarkably similar; Beck is crazy or too partisan and speaks only to white people, while the coverage of Sharpton is, while not necessarily positive, it is certainly not tough on him. An Aug. 29 Associated Press article entitled "Beck: Help us restore traditional American

Values" by Phillip Elliott and Nafeesa Syeed is one of the worst offenders, which is too bad because I usually love AP and find them to be a terrific news source.

Buried in the middle of the article is this little gem: "[Sharpton] poked fun at the Beck-organized rally, saying some participants were the same ones who used to call civil rights leaders troublemakers. 'The folks who used to criticize us for marching are trying to have a march themselves,' [Sharpton] said."

Perhaps I have a different definition of "poking fun" at someone than Elliott and Syeed have. That seems like an awfully harsh criticism of Beck and also rather unfounded. In a speech where Beck praised Martin Luther King Jr. consistently, can Sharpton say that some of the participants "used to call civil rights leaders troublemakers"?

Yes, evidently he can. Sharpton can say the exact opposite of what is actually going on and no one really seems to have the courage

to call him out on it. When Sharpton says something that is, by all reasonable standards, an inflammatory comment, he is just "poking fun." Picture, for just a second, Beck saying similar comments about Sharpton's rally. Does anyone actually think that the media would bury that in the middle of an article, just casting it off as a joke?

This was not an event that Sharpton needed to involve himself in; certainly not one where he needed to mock the participants of the other event. I understand that Beck's decision to schedule his event on the anniversary of the "I Have A Dream" speech was probably not one that would sit very well with most people — I, personally, think he probably should have had it on another day — but there are many of us who also do not like the fact that Sharpton is trying to claim King's legacy either.

Trying to take credit for someone else's achievements is not usually a good idea, and Sharpton and Beck were both guilty of that this weekend. One difference is that for Sharpton, this is a regular thing. Perhaps the biggest difference, however, is the media lets Sharpton get away with it.

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# GLOBAL GAME

## Basketball duo gets taste of international competition

**Samuels, Russell experience physical play, see sights**

**Justin Nutter**  
gameday editor

While college students across the country were vacationing, working or just laying low over the summer, several members of the K-State men's basketball team were still hard at work. Two of those players, junior forward Jamar Samuels and sophomore guard Nick Russell, added some international flavor to their game when they participated in the East Coast All-Stars Tour from Aug. 5-15.

During the trip, Samuels and Russell joined a team comprised of college players from across the country and played five games — two in Geneva, Switzerland, and three in Paris, France.

"We really enjoyed ourselves," Samuels said. "We got to meet a lot of new people from different types of programs. It was good for all of us to get together and play as one."

The duo wasted little time establishing an identity on the court, combining for 36 points in their first contest, a 92-80 loss to Switzerland. Samuels, who played the majority of his minutes at the center position, tallied five rebounds and four blocked shots to go along with his 13 points. Russell led all scorers with 23 points and also grabbed four rebounds.

"I grew tremendously," Russell said. "I learned a lot. Overall, my game just got better. I just wanted to get my feet wet, coming back from last season. I just wanted to go out there and build confidence and get better and stronger, mentally and physically."

Samuels stole the show with a double-double in the next game, but the All-Stars could not overcome a 23-point deficit in the fourth quarter and dropped a 96-91 decision to the Swiss National team. Samuels led the team in both scoring and rebounding with 24 points and 11 boards, while Russell netted nine points to go along with five rebounds.

After the pair of losses, the team traveled to Paris, where they spent the remainder of the tour. While not on the court, they had the opportunity to see some of the town's famous sights, including the Notre Dame Cathedral, the Louvre Museum and the Eiffel Tower.

"We got to see the Eiffel Tower at night," Samuels said. "Probably one of the prettiest things that I've ever seen in my life, instead of my girlfriend or my mom. I actually got to see the Mona Lisa, too. It's like a little tiny picture, so I had to maneuver all the way through the crowd. I was taking pictures over people that were smaller than me."

After a day of sightseeing, the team returned to action against the Tunisian National team. Samuels tied Notre Dame's Scott Martin for the team lead with 14 points and Russell added seven, but the All-Stars were overmatched and fell to 0-3 on the tour with a 104-85 loss.

Samuels said the Tunisians taught the All-Stars how physical the game



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can get overseas, referencing one occasion where he got the message the hard way.

"You get away with a lot of stuff out there," he said. "I got punched in the lip, intentionally punched by the Tunisian team. So when they play

America — I think his number is 14 — I hope one of those guys dunks on him."

The All-Stars finally broke through with a win in their fourth game, overpowering the Paris Select Club in a 100-73 victory. Samuels

and Russell led all scorers with 15 points each. The tour was completed a day later with a 111-85 loss in a rematch against the Tunisian team. Samuels notched another double-double in the finale.

While a 1-4 record may not have been what the All-Stars had in mind, Russell said members of the team gained something much more valuable: the chance to play against solid competition and improve their abilities as the 2010 season draws closer.

"It just got us better and stronger," he said. "There was nothing that was for the worse. Overall, it was a good experience, and I had a great time."

And, just for the record, what if the whole K-State team had made the trip?

"Oh, easily 5-0," Russell said. "You know, the chemistry we have here at K-State, how we're all together, it's just an incredible bond we have."

### SAFTEY IN NUMBERS

**Stats to consider when the Wildcats take on UCLA this weekend**

**1,265**

—yards rushed by senior tailback Daniel Thomas in 2009

Also able to catch and pass, he is one of the most versatile weapons out of the Wildcat formation. There were few plays last season where Thomas did not play a prominent role.

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—conference ranking of K-State's passing offense in 2009

Part of the reason the Wildcats utilized Thomas so often had to be the abysmal passing game, ranked last in the Big 12 Conference. Carson Coffman, who lost his starting spot before Big 12 play commenced last season, has earned a second chance and is the frontrunner for the quarterback slot this season.

**4-2-5**

—K-State's defensive formation

The defensive scheme most associated with its successful execution under head coach Gary Patterson at Texas Christian University has been hailed as the rebuttal to the spread offense, but like any other tactic, it only works if everyone executes. In the competitive Big 12, whether that is the case will be evident early and often.

**10.5**

—sacks by defensive end Brandon Harold in 2008

He battled knee problems and academic issues last year, but he seemed to have no problem dominating drills at K-State's recent open practice. The East St. Louis native will need to step up on the defensive line for the Wildcats to have an effective pass rush.

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—wins last season

This year the Wildcats face three teams from Texas, but only the Longhorns pose a major threat in that category, and it is a home game for K-State. Oklahoma and Texas Tech do not pose threats until next season, when all the remaining Big 12 teams play each other once. Nebraska and Oklahoma State will challenge the Wildcats. However, the September four-pack of UCLA, Missouri State, Iowa State in Kansas City and Central Florida gives K-State an opportunity to be undefeated when they take on Nebraska.

**100**

—tackles by linebacker Alex Hrebec

A team captain who originally walked on for the program, Hrebec is one of seven returning defensive starters, and his leadership will be invaluable. Just under 6 feet tall, he may not be the most physically imposing player at first glance, but you had better believe there is good reason he is a starter in head coach Bill Snyder's program.

—Compiled by Ashley Dunkak

## Exciting season ahead



The last few days of summer, I found myself reading college football preview magazines like Mark Mangino reads a restaurant menu. I have to say, after reading these magazines and watching the college football previews on ESPN and Fox News, I am happy to see there is a little bit of a buzz around senior K-State running back Daniel Thomas. Sports Illustrated placed him as one of the Big 12 Conference's Players to Watch. Thomas not only put up terrific numbers last year in his first year at K-State, but also provided leadership and character to a young team, as head coach Bill Snyder said in the Fox News K-State Football Preview.

The good news is: Thomas is starting to receive the attention he deserves, as it was announced this week that he was one of the many players to be named to the Doak Walker Award watch list. In addition, Thomas was named to First Team All Big 12 and was noted as a 2010 All American Honorable Mention. Sure, it seems like plenty, but the greedy K-State fan in me wants to see Thomas on the Heisman list.

Then again, maybe the lack of attention is a blessing in disguise. It is always nice to go into battle with a secret weapon. This year could prove more difficult for the

Wildcats because the word about Thomas is out. This means Snyder and the K-State offense will have to spread the ball more this season. Distribution was the Achilles tendon of the Wildcats last season, as they struggled to put the ball in the hands of offensive players other than Thomas. Perhaps this year, with the Snyder regime in place for a whole season, we will see a more balanced offensive attack and maybe a new secret weapon.

If the Wildcats are to be successful as a unit this year, they must rely on younger talent like sophomore wide-outs Brodrick Smith and Chris Harper. But the success of the Wildcats hinges on the person taking the snaps from under center. The Wildcats need a leader at the quarterback position who can successfully manage the offense and distribute the ball. Wildcats have hope, as senior Carson Coffman looks to improve on his brief playing time last year. Coffman looked excellent in the spring game, completing 18 passes in 24 attempts for 230 yards and five touchdowns, two of which were to Smith.

I am slowly counting down the days until the second-annual Family Reunion. I anxiously await the sound of Ozzy Osbourne's Crazy Train, blaring out of the speakers at Bill Snyder Family Stadium as the Cats run out of the tunnel. And my friends will be happy to know that I did in fact practice my Wabash Cannonball this summer. God only knows I needed help. (I was always the guy you see that is off rhythm.) Just a reminder, Every Man (and Woman) A Wildcat!

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## Golfer prepares for final college season

**Schulte reflects on early childhood beginnings, lessons learned through sport**

**Ashley Dunkak**  
sports editor

Jason Schulte, senior on the men's golf team, is from Mission Hills, Kan. He is currently the president of the Student Athlete Advisory Committee. The Collegian talked with Schulte about his origins in the sport and why he enjoys it.

**Q: How did you get started playing golf and end up at K-State?**

A: I started playing golf when I was 3 years old. My dad got me started with it. I grew up in Kansas City playing in a junior golf program there, and as I kind of came up in the ranks, I was recruited by Coach Norris, and came out to visit K-State and really, really liked it. I love the golf course, guys on the team, everything about it. It just was a good fit. So that's how I ended up here.

**Q: How do you balance the individual and team aspects of golf?**

A: The only way to really get a better team score is each individual works on his game to get better. I think the focus is on the team once you complete each round, but when you're actually in the moment, you just kind



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Schulte has been playing golf since he was three years old.

of have to work on doing the best you can individually. It's not as much like basketball or football or baseball where you can actually see your team competing next to you. You're kind of on your own when you're competing.

**Q: What is it like staying in Manhattan and competing during the summer?**

A: Everything is really familiar to me. It's comfortable to practice [at Colbert Hills Golf Course]. More and more of the guys stay in town for the summer or at least come in town for a good portion of the summer, and so we get a lot of playing time in. It's a nice environment to focus and get better. I'm also taking some classes

this summer; try and get a jump-start on that this year.

**Q: What role does the Kansas weather play in your sport?**

A: It just prepares us for what tournaments are like. I'd say the majority of our tournaments we get bad weather — rain, wind, it's kind of the norm. You know how weather in Kansas is; cold one day, warm the next. You never know what you're going to get. That actually helps us out. You get used to dealing with what the weather's like when you get there. I'd say it helps us.

**Q: What has made you stick with golf for so many years?**

A: Golf just teaches me a lot of lessons about myself; how I deal with circumstances around me. That's just the biggest draw to golf for me. When you're out on the golf course, a lot of the situations that come kind of mirror those that you'd see just in everyday life. Different situations sometimes will make you fearful, other times will make you a little overly confident, and you have to learn to balance those two in order to play well and score well on the golf course. So that's probably the draw to golf. It's just kind of a microcosm of life that allows you to make some mistakes, and you come away from that a little bit better person if you really pay attention.



# WORLDS' WAR

## StarCraft II, a game for all



Jayson Sharp



Game Review by Jayson Sharp

Twelve years after the release of the first "StarCraft," gaming company Blizzard set loose upon the world "StarCraft II: Wings of Liberty." Players get to work heavily with the Terran, or human, race during this first installment of an announced trilogy of games. The intriguing storyline of the campaign

makes for hours of enjoyable game play, multiplayer league matches help define the leading strategist and custom and modified maps allow the imagination to dictate game play. This game offers something for everyone.

Set four years after the end of the last "StarCraft" game, players follow the path of James Raynor and his raiders. This time, Raynor is forced to fight the regime he set in place after helping destroy the former Terran Confederacy. Slammed by the media and news outlets, the player has to make extreme decisions about how to deal with the remnants of the remaining Zerg — a non-human, parasitic enemy

race — infestations on Terran planets and whether to fight his former allies. The same three races from the original "StarCraft," Terran, Zerg and Proton, make appearances, though this campaign focuses heavily on the Terrans. One race that was hinted at in the previous game, the Hybrid, also makes its debut with cataclysmic consequences. The intriguing story line balanced with an excellently voiced cast makes the campaign an outstanding game on its own.

"StarCraft II" has many new game types compared to its predecessor. The newest, and what I found most interesting, are the new single-player Challenge Games. These games are set up to help newer players learn the different units and how they compare against each other. One challenge I found particularly fun involved having only a very small group of soldiers that had to be used effectively to defend against an ever-changing wave of enemy forces. These challenge games are a brilliant way to help teach new players how the different units function and interact in the game, while avoiding those terrible tutorial levels.

"StarCraft's" original multiplayer is a worldwide hit and in some countries it could almost be considered a national past time. "StarCraft II" aims to please with two different sections of online play. League matches can range in size from the



standard one-versus-one match to a match that pits eight different people against each other in mortal combat. Blizzard does not just throw the noobs, or newcomer, out into combat uneducated, however. Players can play up to 50 practice matches to get familiar with the three races in combat against online players. These matches may be played in full or skipped, though once you leave the protection of the practice matches you are thrown headfirst into the melee of ranked play. The ranking system seems pretty effective. Ranks are based upon a player's personal game record, and when queuing up for a match, players are paired with someone of equal rank.

"StarCraft II's" custom games are by far the its most intriguing aspect. The modifications allowed are mindboggling. These game types can range from standard obstacle courses to games like Nexus Wars. In this game, the player controls a single unit that creates buildings, which in turn spawn units that attack the opposing force. There is also a custom game still in production that turns the strategy game into a first-person shooter. These nearly limitless possibilities create a game that can change every day

it is played. Every game has a few flaws, and this one is no exception. For example, during the campaign there are a few issues with some of the loading screens hanging and sometimes crashing. Also, it has been reported that while on the battleship between missions, the game tends to make even the most robust machines overheat, though that issue has since been fixed via a downloadable patch.

One of the major changes that people will talk about is the lack of local-network play, which leads to the issue of required internet connectivity. If at any time during play the Internet hiccups and you are disconnected from the Battle.net system, all the achievements that you may unlock after that will not be saved to your account. I found that to be a huge pain when playing the campaign; I lost nearly an entire afternoon of play time to this problem.

However, "StarCraft II: Wings of Liberty" is a very good game with something for everyone.

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## Movie's ending needs an exorcism of its own



Patrick Bales

"THE LAST EXORCISM"



Let me just get this out of the way so I can focus on the rest of the movie: the ending to "The Last Exorcism" is absolutely terrible. It does not matter how "into" the movie you are when it gets to the big finale. The ending comes out of left field and makes no sense with the rest of the movie. The writers took everything they had established and flushed it down the toilet. I guess you could say it is unpredictable, but it is easy to make something unpredictable. The challenge is making an unpredictable twist that fits with the rest of the movie. The ending is the reason this film gets two stars instead of three; however, it is a five-minute chunk of a 90-minute movie, so let us move on.

Cotton Marcus (Patrick Fabian) is a reverend in a long lineage of reverends that preaches the word of God solely to entertain and comfort people. He does not really believe in God and only performs exorcisms to make a buck. Cotton has never encountered a demon, and the only exorcisms he has performed were on people who thought they were possessed when they were only stressed out. To demonstrate this to a film crew, he agrees to visit a man (Louis Herthum) who is convinced his daughter, Nell (Ashley Bell), is possessed by the devil. Marcus starts out performing his usual slew of tricks (playing demonic sounds on an iPod, making the bed shake), but he soon realizes he is dealing with something much more evil and real than he anticipated. Soon all of

his lies and fabrications start coming back to haunt him and he finds himself dealing with the consequences.

It is that element of facing the consequences that makes the first 85 minutes of "The Last Exorcism" stand out. Instead of having a reverend with a deep devotion to God, we get this ultimately flawed individual who questions his faith and is not ashamed to pretend in order to make a decent living. His skeptical nature toward the legitimacy of demonic possessions gets him into major hot water as he tries just about everything to help the girl aside from what she needs the most: a

of them deliver performances that are compelling and believable. It was intriguing to see how their characters' perspectives in faith continued to clash against each other throughout the movie, with Cotton being the fake and the father being the true believer.

Ashley Bell also does a decent job as Nell. Before the possession, she is absolutely perfect. I absolutely believed in those moments that Nell was a wonderfully sweet human being who would not hurt a fly. It is when Nell is supposed to be possessed that Bell loses her credibility. The movie never reaches the level of scary. There are a few decent moments

where you find yourself sitting near the edge of your seat, but it never becomes terrifying. This is partly due to Bell's performance, but it also has to do with the fact that the girl never really does anything particularly disturbing. There is one scene toward the end where the demon promises to let the girl go if Cotton shuts up for 10 seconds, and the events that take place after that shook me up a bit. I felt like that was how intense the rest of the horror elements should have been. It is always great when a horror film has a slow build-up, but it also needs to take off at some point. "The Last Exorcism" spends too much time stuck in second gear.

Overall, "The Last Exorcism" kept my interest and I would honestly recommend it if it came with a different ending. But, like I mentioned before, the ending is so random and lazily conceived that it completely takes all of the fun out of the entire movie. "The Last Exorcism" might be worth a rental, but avoid seeing this in theaters.

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real exorcism.

But, like any well-written character, the writers also show a contrasting side to him. Toward the beginning of the film, after Cotton has pretended to exorcise the demon from Nell, he pretends to talk to God and basically tells the alcoholic father that God wants him to stay strong and quit drinking. So yes, Cotton is a swindler, but he also crafts lies to help others. This contrast turns Cotton into a sort of dark hero where you root for the guy despite his flaws.

"The Last Exorcism" also stays engaging thanks to good performances. Patrick Fabian and Louis Herthum are the clear standouts. Both

## Gamer speak for non-gamers



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Garrick Robinson, freshman in open option, plays chess on his iPhone 3GS on the steps of Anderson Hall Monday afternoon. "I play video games because I am bored with Manhattan," Robinson said.

Those who do not play video games might not understand the terminology used by avid gamers. Knowing a few common terms will keep you from being labeled a noob.

**AFK:** Away From Keyboard

**ASL:** Age/Sex/Location (don't give this information)

**Boss:** the largest and hardest enemy to defeat in a level or game

**Button mashing:** pressing multiple buttons in an attempt not to die, a strategy usually employed by a player who is unfamiliar with the controls

**Camper:** someone who stays in the same place to wait for enemies to pass by to get kills

**Cheat/hack:** anything done to alter a game to give a user an edge; disapproved of in the gaming world

**Clan/guild:** a group of players who play games together regularly

**CoD:** Call of Duty

**Cut scene:** movie-like sequence in which the player does not interact

**DLC:** Downloadable content

**FPS:** First Person

Shooter, a game played from first-person perspective

**Fragging:** to kill another player, generally with grenades

**Gg:** good game, usually in reference to a multiplayer match

**HUD:** Heads Up Display, an onscreen display, such as level of health and ammunition

**L33t:** elite, an experienced gamer

**Mod:** player-modified version of a game or additional content altered by a player

**MMORPG:** Massive Multiplayer Online Role-Playing Game, like World of Warcraft.

**NPC:** Non-Player Character, generally a computer-controlled character you can interact with

**Newb, n00b, noob:** an inexperienced player, derived from the word "newbie"

**Ninja:** a player who takes loot that does not belong to them

**Patch:** any official update to a game to fix a glitch or to add new features

**Party:** a group that plays together, generally through an online link

**Platformer:** a game that requires working

through the environment, like Super Mario World

**pwn/pwnd:** to conquer or own; to kick butt

**Respawn:** to revive after character death, usually in a different place on the map

**RPG:** Role Playing Game

**RTS:** Real Time Strategy game (StarCraft 2, Command & Conquer 4)

**Spamming:** using the same overpowering weapon or tactics repeatedly; disapproved of in the gaming world

**Spawn camp:** to kill enemies where they respawn after death; considered rude

**Third-person shooter:** action game played from third-person perspective (Gears of War 2)

**Uncap:** un-capturable point on a map

**WoW:** World of Warcraft

**w00t:** an expression of joy, hurrah!

**XP:** experience points

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# ORGAN | New take on an old sound

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alumni and friends, cost \$50,000 and is in original tonal condition. Peter Weinert, junior in music education and trombone performance, and one of Pickering's students, said he is excited for the recital series and thinks it will give people an opportunity to hear music they would not always get the chance to hear. "Part of the problem with the organ is it's not accessible," he said. "It's not that people don't like it."

Weinert started taking organ lessons with Pickering this semester, something he said he has always wanted to try.

"You don't just hear the music, you feel it," he said, referring to the amount of sound that is produced by such a large instrument.

Another one of Pickering's students, Andy Ross, senior in biology, said he thinks people might be interested in organ music if they get to hear it.

"It's a cool sound; a good sound," he said.

The first recital for the semester was held Aug. 25.

Pickering said he had no idea how many people would attend the recital, but with about 25 people in the audience, he said he was pleased with the attendance.

"I'm hoping the audience will grow at future recitals," he said.

Recitals will take place Sept. 15, Oct. 27, Nov. 17 and Dec. 8, each running from 11:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. in All Faith's Chapel.

Pickering said future recitals will include pieces like Johann Sebastian Bach's famous Toccata and Fugue in D Minor.

He is also hoping to find more people interested in studying and learning to play the organ.

If faculty, staff or students are interested in taking lessons, they can contact Pickering at [dpick-eri@ksu.edu](mailto:dpick-eri@ksu.edu).

# K-State studies help golf courses stay green

K-State Research and Extension

Studies at K-State and elsewhere have found when soils are overly wet, they absorb and retain heat, which can damage even the strongest cool-season grass roots.

Megan Kennelly, plant pathologist with K-State Research and Extension, rediscovered that fact for herself in samples that arrived at K-State's Plant Disease Diagnostic Lab in late July for testing.

"It was like that movie 'Groundhog Day.' Each day brought a remarkably similar set of turf plugs," Kennelly said. "When I washed off the soil, the roots were always

brown, tan, mushy. Then, once I got them under the microscope, I could see they lacked root hairs and their outer tissues were sloughing off."

The one big difference, Kennelly said, was the Kansas City area received continuing rains, which basically steam-cooked the turf there. Manhattan and other areas missed the moisture, so their samples were dry-roasted.

As the turf crisis worsened, golf course managers combined science and ingenuity in attempts to save what was left of their well-kept grasses, said Rodney St. John, K-State Research and Extension turf grass specialist. Some have

installed 24/7 electric fans next to greens. Others have tried venting with small-diameter tines to improve soil air movement without interfering with golfers' play.

"Unfortunately, prolonged heat is yet another factor that can make roots shorter. They sort of shrink up, sometimes to an inch long. Often the shortened roots can't move enough moisture to keep the plant alive," St. John said.

Some managers also have tried syringing — basically sprinkling enough water to wet and cool the turf's leaves without adding to its soil moisture. Others have hand-watered all the hot and/or dry spots, repeating as often as

necessary.

To maintain speed and surface uniformity without adding the extra stress of mowing, many superintendents started rolling greens on some days instead of mowing, opting for a roll one day, mow the next approach. Another common practice during tournaments is to mow the greens twice in the morning, back-to-back. The process of double cutting increases the smoothness of the greens and the speed at which the ball rolls. It is also very stressful on the greens, so during this difficult summer, most superintendents have also eliminated double-cutting. Many also raised their mowing height.

Something that has been rewarding to Kennelly and St. John is that the K-State "turf team" blog started this year ([ksuturf.org/blog/](http://ksuturf.org/blog/)) and has been able to provide support and information to Kansas turf managers and superintendents when explaining the extreme weather conditions of this spring/summer and how that has adversely impacted the growth and development of grasses to their members and clients. Some managers, for example, have simply posted the K-State Turf blog entries on their clubhouse bulletin board to inform their members of the reasons for the declining grass.

# FACEBOOK | Social networking as an educational tool

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the different acquaintances.

While many professors are catching on to the social network idea, and incorporating it into the curriculum, students have mixed views on including it in the class.

"I think it's a little tacky," said Santana Talbert, graduate student in accounting. "It's not very professional; it's a social network."

Talbert said she thinks networks like Facebook should only be for social use, and said there are other websites, like

LinkedIn, a social website used for professional networking, that professors can use in the classroom.

Other students do not see a problem with letting social networks be a part of their school schedule.

"It wouldn't really bother me that much because we already use K-State Online," said Nick Yoder, junior in biology.

He said he would not mind teachers having access to his Facebook page either, because he did not want to be seen.

Castillo and Charney both

said they took precautions when they decided to use the social network in the classroom.

Castillo said she told students up-front that she would not be looking at their Facebook profiles, and would only be paying attention to the information posted on the class page. She also told her students she would delete them as a friend once the semester was over.

Charney said he was sure to have a closed network, with students in the class being the only ones who could share in-

formation. He said he told his students the page was not to be used for personal information and said they were not suppose to post anything about themselves.

Using Facebook for student projects is only the first step in this new era of technology.

For Charney, student interaction was only one use for the website. He said he is now using Facebook to help start conversation and encourage interaction between faculty and staff.

Faculty Exchange for Teaching Excellence, or FETE, a

committee of faculty under the Center for Advancement of Teaching and Learning, is now on Facebook as well.

The committee, started in the late 90s, was organized to help sponsor teaching retreats as well as exchange ideas and information regarding education.

Charney said FETE has now transitioned onto Facebook to promote on-going discussion between faculty. He said they have around 20 members right now, but they hope to spread the word and get more educators involved.

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		9	6		5	3	
3	7			2	5		
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9	2	5	3	7	8	4	1	6
3	4	1	5	2	6	9	8	7
7	6	8	4	9	1	5	2	3
8	5	2	1	6	9	7	3	4
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# K-State student offers peek at picturesque parks



**Above:** A geyser smolders after sunset in the Upper Geyser Basin near Old Faithful in Yellowstone National Park. Geysers like this one are the result of underground water becoming superheated by magma, forcing water and steam to shoot out violently.



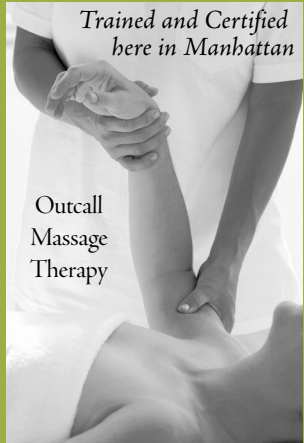
**Above:** Mt. Rundle in Banff, Alberta, Canada is pictured above. The town of Banff sits within the park, at the base of the mountain.

K-State student **Carlos Salazar**, junior in Computer Science, missed the first week of classes as he camped and hiked Yellowstone, Glacier and Banff (Canada) National Parks. Over the course of his six-week trip, he hiked more than 150 miles and shot over 7,000 photographs.

**Left:** A ground squirrel attempts to steal a banana from a hiker (not pictured) in Banff National Park, Alberta, Canada. Wildlife seeking human food is a common problem in National Parks.

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